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L4 ANSWER 1 OF 7 USPATFULL

ACCESSION NUMBER: 96:12809 USPATFULL

TITLE:

Thermostable arabino furanoside produced by

Bacillus stearothermophilus NRRL B-18659,

Bacillus stearothermophilus NRRL B-18660 and

Bacillus stearothermophilus NRRL B-18661

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PATENT ASSIGNEE(S):

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APPLICATION INFO.:

US 1995-418044 19950406 (8)

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US 1992-961044, filed on 14 Oct 1992, now abandoned
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filed on 8 Jun 1990, now abandoned

DOCUMENT TYPE:

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PRIMARY EXAMINER:

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ASSISTANT EXAMINER:

Meller, Michael V.

LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE:

Zelson, Steve T.; Agris, Cheryl H.

NUMBER OF CLAIMS:

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EXEMPLARY CLAIM:

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NUMBER OF DRAWINGS: 27 Drawing Figure(s); 27 Drawing Page(s)

LINE COUNT: 810

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

AB An isolated arabinofuranosidase from **Bacillus**
stearothermophilus NRRL B-18659, **Bacillus** stearothermophilus
NRRL B-18660 and **Bacillus** stearothermophilus NRRL B-18661 is
disclosed. The arabinofuranosidase has a maximum activity at about pH
6.0 and at about 65.degree. C., maintains at least about 50% of its
maximum activity at 70.degree. C. and pH 7.0 after 80 minutes, and has
an isoelectric point of about 4.4. The arabinofuranosidase can be used in
a method of hydrolyzing xylan present in wood pulp at temperatures of at
least about 60.degree. C. and a pH of at least about 7.0. The
arabinofuranosidase is used along with at least two xylosidases and a
xylosidase isolated from the above **Bacillus stearothermophilus**
strains.

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L4 ANSWER 1 OF 7 USPATFULL

TI Thermostable arabino furanoside produced by **Bacillus**

stearothermophilus NRRL B-18659, **Bacillus** stearothermophilus

NRRL B-18660 and **Bacillus** stearothermophilus NRRL B-18661

AB An isolated arabinofuranosidase from **Bacillus**

stearothermophilus NRRL B-18659, **Bacillus stearothermophilus** NRRL B-18660 and **Bacillus** stearothermophilus NRRL B-18661 disclosed. The arabinofuranosidase has a maximum activity at about pH 6.0 and at about 65.degree. C., maintains at least about 50% of its maximum activity at 70.degree. C. and pH 7.0 after 80 minutes, and has an isoelectric point of about 4.4. The arabinofuranosidase can be used in a method of hydrolyzing xylan present in wood pulp at temperatures of at least about 60.degree. C. and a pH of at least about 7.0. The arabinofuranosidase is used along with at least two xylanases and a xylosidase isolated from the above **Bacillus stearothermophilus** strains.

SUMM Neutral xylanases from obligate **alkalophilic**, thermostable **Bacillus** spp. have been described. [Okazaki, W., T. Akiba, K. Horikoshi, and R. Akahoshi, *Appl. Microbiol. Biotechnol.* 19 (1984): 335-340.] **Bacillus** isolates W1, W2, W3, and W4 all grow between 40.degree.-50.degree. C. and at a pH above 9.0. The strains reportedly produced two types of neutral xylanases--enzyme I with a pH optimum of 6.0 and a temperature optimum of 65.degree. C., and enzyme II with a temperature optimum of 70.degree. C. and a pH optimum of 7.0.

SUMM A thermostable xylanase produced by a "Bacillus stearothermophilus-like" strain has been described. [Gruninger, H., and A. Fiechter, *Enzyme Micro. Technol.* 8 (1986): 309-314.] Strain 4125 reportedly produces a neutral xylanase with a pH optimum of 6.5-7.5 (but only 65% activity at pH 9.5), a temperature optimum of 75.degree. C., and a half-life of 15 hours at 75.degree. C. No description of activity past pH 9.5 was reported in this reference. Strain 4125 has not been identified by any known culture collections as a **B. stearothermophilus** isolate, and no taxonomic data was given. The strain is not available from any collection or from the authors.

SUMM Kang, et al. described another xylanase from an **alkalophilic**, thermophilic **Bacillus** sp. [Kang, I. S., N. K. Sung, H. K. Chun, T. Akiba, and K. Horikoshi, *Korean J. Appl. Microbiol. Bioeng.* 14 (1986): 447-453.] The enzyme from this **Bacillus** strain, K-17, was also reportedly shown to have two components. Xylanase I from K-17 has optimal activity between pH 7.0-8.0 and 65.degree. C. It has no activity at pH 10.5. Xylanase II from K-17 is said to have 20% of its optimal activity at pH 10.5 and retains 70% activity after 1 hour at 65.degree. C., pH 6.5.

SUMM An extracellular xylosidase has been described for **Bacillus** strain K-17 described by Kang, et al. The xylosidase has an optimal activity at pH 7.0 and at 45.degree. C. The enzyme is not thermostable, being completely inactivated after 10 minutes at 60.degree. C.

SUMM Numerous microbial arabinofuranosidases from **Bacillus** spp. other than **B. stearothermophilus** have been studied and reported. [Karimi, S., and O. P. Ward, *Journal of Industrial Microbiology* 4 (1989): 173-180.] None of the non-thermophilic **Bacilli** described by Karimi and Ward produced high temperature active, thermostable arabinofuranosidases.

SUMM Isolate BPS-3, which has been identified by the Deutsche Sammlung Von Mikroorganismen (DSM) as **Bacillus stearothermophilus**, produces an extracellular xylanase composition when grown on xylan, hydrolyzed starch or a mixture of the two substrates. The enzyme composition consists of at least two endoxylanases, a beta-xylosidase, and an alpha-arabinofuranosidase.

SUMM Isolates BPS-3-H-17-4 and BPS-3-X2 are **asporogenous** mutants derived from BPS-3 after mutagenesis with ethylmethanesulfonate. They both produce the enzyme composition and are incapable of forming a terminal endospore.

SUMM This invention also discloses an arabinofuranosidase capable of hydrolyzing both 1,3 and 1,5 alpha-L-arabinofuranosyl linkages and capable of removing arabinose units from the nonreducing end of an arabinose chain. The arabinofuranosidase is also a novel enzyme. In

addition, the literature does not contain any reference for an arabinofuranosidase from a thermophilic **Bacillus**.

DETD Culture of Xyl 022. H-17-4, an **asporogenous** mutant of BPS-3, was grown in a batch fermentation at 55.degree. C. for 48 hours on a medium consisting of oat spelt xylan (5 g/l), beech xylan (5 g/l), 0.1% maltrin-100, and pH controlled to 6.5-7.5 by the addition of 2M sodium carbonate and 10% phosphoric acid.

CLM What is claimed is:

1. An isolated arabinofuranosidase having the following characteristics: (a) has a maximum activity at about pH 6.0; (b) has a maximum activity at about 65.degree. C.; (c) maintains at least about 50% of its maximum activity at about 70.degree. C. and pH 7 after 80 minutes; (e) has an isoelectric point of about 4.4; and (f) is obtainable from a strain of **Bacillus stearothermophilus** selected from the group consisting of **Bacillus stearothermophilus** NRRL B-18659, **Bacillus stearothermophilus** NRRL B-18660, and **Bacillus stearothermophilus** NRRL B-18661.

2. The isolated arabinofuranosidase of claim 1 in which said xylosidase is produced by **Bacillus stearothermophilus** NRRL B-18659.

3. The isolated arabinofuranosidase of claim 1 in which said xylosidase is produced by **Bacillus stearothermophilus** NRRL B-18660.

4. The isolated arabinofuranosidase of claim 1 in which said xylosidase is produced by **Bacillus stearothermophilus** NRRL B-18661.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 96:11072 USPATFULL

TITLE: Thermostable xylosidase produced by **Bacillus stearothermophilus** NRRL B-18659, **Bacillus stearothermophilus** NRRL B-18660 and **Bacillus stearothermophilus** NRRL B-18661

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PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Elm, Dana D., Waterbury, CT, United States
Novo Nordisk A/S, Bagsvaerd, Denmark (non-U.S. corporation)

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PATENT INFORMATION: US 5489526 19960206

APPLICATION INFO.: US 1995-418331 19950406 (8)

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DOCUMENT TYPE: Utility

PRIMARY EXAMINER: Naff, David M.

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LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE: Zelson, Steve T.; Agris, Cheryl H.

NUMBER OF CLAIMS: 4

EXEMPLARY CLAIM: 1

NUMBER OF DRAWINGS: 27 Drawing Figure(s); 27 Drawing Page(s)

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CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

AB An isolated xylosidase from **Bacillus stearothermophilus** NRRL B-18659, **Bacillus stearothermophilus** NRRL B-18660 and **Bacillus stearothermophilus** NRRL B-18661 is disclosed. The xylosidase has a maximum activity at about pH 6.0 and at about 75.degree. C., maintains at least about 60% of its maximum activity at about 65.degree. C. and pH 7 after 4 hours, is resistant to end-product inhibition maintaining over 75% of maximum activity in the presence of 1 molar xylose and has an isoelectric point of about 5.0. The xylosidase can be used in a method of hydrolyzing xylan present in wood pulp at temperatures of at least about 60.degree. C. and a pH of at least about 7.0. The xylosidase is used along with at least two xylanases and an arabinofuranosidase isolated from the above **Bacillus stearothermophilus** strains.

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L4 ANSWER 3 OF 7 EUROPATFULL COPYRIGHT 2000 WILA

GRANTED PATENT - ERTEILTES PATENT - BREVET DELIVRE

ACCESSION NUMBER: 414297 EUROPATFULL EW 199642 FS PS

TITLE: Efficient production of mutant proteases.

Ergiebige Herstellung von Protease-Mutanten.

Production effective de protéases mutantes.

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WO 86-01825 A

REF. NON-PATENT-LIT.: COMUN. JORN. COM. ESP. DETERG., vol. 19, 1988, pages 257-266; J.H. VAN EE et al.: "Protein-engineering of the high alkaline detergent protease Maxacal"

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L4 ANSWER 4 OF 7 USPATFULL

ACCESSION NUMBER: 95:60106 USPATFULL

TITLE: Detergent composition containing alkaline pullylanase enzyme

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 Saeki, Katsuhisa, Kawachi, Japan
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APPLICATION INFO.:	US 1993-139148	19931021 (8)
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DOCUMENT TYPE:	Utility	
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ASSISTANT EXAMINER:	Fries, Kery	
LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE:	Oblon, Spivak, McClelland, Maier & Neustadt	
NUMBER OF CLAIMS:	4	
EXEMPLARY CLAIM:	1	
NUMBER OF DRAWINGS:	17 Drawing Figure(s); 9 Drawing Page(s)	
LINE COUNT:	1394	

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

AB A novel detergent composition containing an alkaline pullulanase is disclosed. The alkaline pullulanase has its optimum pH in an alkaline range and not deactivated by surfactants. Further it has strong resistance to almost all detergent components such as chelating agents, protease, etc. The the detergent composition of this invention has excellent detergency especially against starch soils.

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L4 ANSWER 4 OF 7 USPATFULL
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 95:60106 USPATFULL
 TITLE: Detergent composition containing alkaline pullylanase enzyme
 INVENTOR(S): Sone, Taeko, Utsunomiya, Japan
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NUMBER OF CLAIMS: 4
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PATENT APPLICATION - PATENTANMELDUNG - DEMANDE DE BREVET

ACCESSION NUMBER: 634490 EUROPATFULL EW 199503 FS OS STA B
TITLE: Xylanase derived from a **bacillus** species, expression vectors for such xylanase and other proteins, host organisms therefor and use thereof.
Xylanase von einer **Bacillus** Spezies, Expressionsvektoren fuer diese Xylanase und andere Proteine, Wirtsorganismus dafuer und Verwendungen davon.
Xylanase derivee d'une espece de **bacillus**, vecteurs d'expression pour cette xylanase et d'autres proteines, organismes hotes et leur usage.
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APPLICATION INFO.: EP 1994-202002 19940711

PRIORITY APPLN. INFO.: GB 1993-14780 19930715

ABEN A purified xylanase derived from B. Pumilus PRL B12 is disclosed. This xylanase is efficient for use in the biobleaching of wood pulp, permitting a strong reduction in the quantity of chlorine used and AOX compounds produced in classical and ECF wood pulp bleaching sequences as well as the quantity of ozone used in TCF sequences. The gene coding for the xylanase was isolated and purified and used to construct an expression vector therefor. A recombinant host strain of B.

licheniformis is also disclosed which is efficient for expressing heterologous enzymes, including the xylanase when transferred by the expression vector.

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L4 ANSWER 6 OF 7 USPATFULL

ACCESSION NUMBER: 94:46648 USPATFULL
TITLE: Detergent composition containing an alkaline pullulanase from **bacillus** ferm BP-3048
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Saeki, Katsuhisa, Tochigi, Japan
Ara, Katsutoshi, Tochigi, Japan
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PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Kao Corporation, Tokyo, Japan (non-U.S. corporation)

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EXEMPLARY CLAIM:	1	
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CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

AB A detergent composition containing an alkaline pullulanase, a surfactant, alkaline agents and/or inorganic electrolytes, divalent metal ion scavengers and bleaching agents is disclosed. The alkaline pullulanase has an optimum pH range of 8.5-10.0 on pullulan, an optimum temperature of about 50.degree. C. and is not deactivated by surfactants. Further, the pullulanase has a strong resistance to almost all detergent components such as chelating agents, proteases, etc. The pullulanase is isolated from **Bacillus** sp. KSM-AP 1378 deposited as FERM BP-3048. The composition specifically contains 0.1-10 wt. % alkaline pullulanase B, 0.5-60 wt. % surfactant, 0-90 wt. % alkaline agents and/or inorganic electrolytes, 0-50 wt. % divalent metal ion scavengers, and 0-85 wt. % bleaching agents.

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DUPLICATE 1

ACCESSION NUMBER: 1991:201180 CAPLUS
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 114:201180
TITLE: A protease-negative **Bacillus** mutant for efficient production of protease analogs
INVENTOR(S): Van der Laan, Johannes Cornelis; Van Eekelen, Christiaan Albertus Gist-Brocades N. V., Neth.
PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Eur. Pat. Appl., 36 pp.
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AB A protease-neg. **alkalophilic Bacillus** mutant is prep'd. by deleting the protease-coding gene via homologous or illegitimate recombination. Transformation of this mutant with an integrating plasmid encoding a protease analog (e.g. with a single base change) results high yield of the protease for use in laundry detergents. Plasmid pM58.DELTA. carrying 5'- and 3'-ends of the protease gene was prep'd. and integrated into the chromosomal protease gene locus of **Bacillus** PBT110, an **asporogenous** mutant of **Bacillus** PB92, to obtain protease-neg. **Bacillus** mutants PBT125 and PBT126. Plasmid pBHB-MXL M216Q carrying the gene for the M126Q analog of the PB92 protease was prep'd. and used for transformation of mutant PBT125. The yield of the M216Q protease from this host was comparable to that from the parental strain PBT110.